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Remarks

Claims 57-110 are pending in the application. The Office Action indicates the claims are directed to the following patentably distinct species and requires election to a single species:

Figure 1

Figure 4

Figure 7a

Figure 7b

Figure 7c

Figure 7d

Figure 7e

Figure 7f

Figure 7g

Figure 7h

Figure 7i

Figure 2

Figure 5

Figure 6

Figure 8a

Figure 8b

Figure 8c

Figure 9a

Figure 9b

Figure 9c

Figure 9d

Figure 9e

Applicants elect, with traverse, the species of Figure 7b. Claims 79-81, 85-94, and 97-110 read on the elected species.

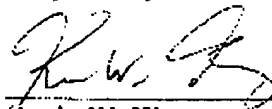
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Applicants traverse on the grounds that there is potential overlap among the illustrated embodiments, such that it is unwarranted to consider each of the named Figures to be separate "species." For example, the generic process shown in Figure 2 could be used in making the structures shown in Figures 5, 6, 8a, 8b, or 8c. Likewise, the generic device shown in Figure 5 could have reservoirs loaded as shown in Figures 8a, 8b, or 8c. For different embodiments within a genus to actually be distinct *species*, there should be no overlap among them. Applicants respectfully request that the species election requirement be withdrawn and that examination of claims 57-110 proceed on the merits.

The undersigned respectfully invites the Examiner to contact him by telephone (404.853.8068) if any outstanding issues can be resolved by conference or examiner's amendment.

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